

REMARKS

Applicants hereby respond to the Election requirement made in the Office Action.

Election

The Office Action requests a restriction of the claims in the application as follows:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a molding process, classified in class 264, subclass 328.18.
- II. Claim 10, drawn to a fiber reinforced resin product, classified in class 428, subclass 113.

The restriction is based on the grounds that inventions of groups I and II are related as a process of making and a process of using the product.

The Office Action alleges that:

The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case, the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as a combined extrusion-injection molding process in which the thermoplastic material is first melted in an extruder, the fiber material is then metered in and mixed with said thermoplastic material and then the resulting mixture is injection molded.

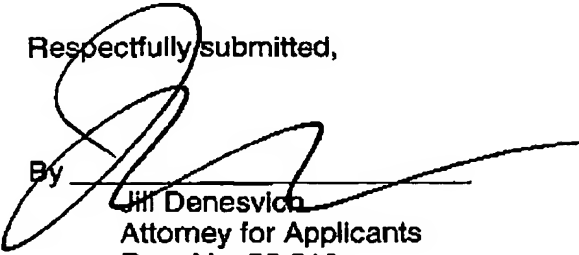
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, (Claims 1-9) without traverse.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, examination of the claims is requested.

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